the Houses on 24.2.1997.

Statement

Allocation & Lifting of Wheat, Rice, Edible Oil, Kerosene & Sugar through PDS in Bihar

(in '000 tonnes)

Year	Wheat		Rice		Sugar		Kerosene		Edible Oil	
	A	L	A	L	A	L*	A	L	A	L
1994-95	714.00	222.40	372.00	39.50		407.87	558.44	557.70	Nil	Nil
1995-96	705.60	227.20	381.60	23.50		426.81	606.96	606.48	0.20	Nil
1996-97	697.60	438.70	389.60	37.60		464.12	652.96	597.79	0.70	Nil

*—Lifting is assumed to 100%
A—Allocation
L—Lifting

Setting up of Consumer Courts in rural areas

4476. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Consumer Courts have been set up in rural areas in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, District-wise/State-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the necessary steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this respect;

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) to (d) According to the provisions of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 there should be a District Consumer Disputes Redressal Forum in each District. The State Government may, if it deems fit, establish more than one District Forum in a District. The responsibility of setting up of the District Forum lies with the States/UTs. According to the State Consumer Protection Rules, District Forum is to be located at the Headquarters of the District or at such place as may be notified by the State Government. Where State Government decides to establish a single District Forum having jurisdiction over more than one District, it shall notify the place and jurisdiction of District Forum so established. Similarly a State Commission, in each State/UT, may be located at State Capital or at such place as may be notified by the State Government.

The location of State Commission and number of District Fora State-wise is given the statement.

Statement

Location of State Commission

Sl. No	State/UT	Location of the State Commission	Number of District Fora in the State/UT
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad	23
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	Itanagar	13
3.	Assam	Guwahati	23
4.	Bihar	Patna	55
5.	Goa	Panaji	2
6.	Gujrat	Ahmedabad	20
7.	Haryana	Chandigarh	16
8.	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla	12
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu*	2*
10.	Karnataka	Bangalore	20
11.	Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram	14
12.	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	45
13.	Maharashtra	Mumbai	34
14.	Manipur	Imphal	8
15.	Meghalaya	Shillong	7
16.	Mizoram	Aizawl	3
17.	Nagaland	Guwahati	7
18.	Orissa	Cuttack	31
19.	Punjab	Chandigarh	17
20.	Rajasthan	Jaipur	32
21.	Sikkim	Gangtok	4
22.	Tamil Nadu	Madras	24
23.	Tripura	Agartala	3
24.	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow	72
25.	West Bengal	Calcutta	19
26.	A & N Islands	Port Blair	2
27.	Chandigarh	Chandigarh	1
28.	D&N Haveli	Daman	1
29.	Daman & Diu	Nagpur	2
30.	Delhi	Delhi	4
31.	Lakshadweep	Kavaratti	1
32.	Pondicherry	Pondicherry	1
	TOTAL		518

*The State Commission and District Fora have been set up under the Consumer Protection act, 1986 except in the State of J&K. There are one State Commission and two Divisional Fora Have been set up under the Jammu & Kashmir Consumer Protection Act, 1987.

Discontinuation of allocation of edible oil to States

4477. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have discontinued the system of allocation